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TANGIER PLS PASS JOSEPH EBLAN AT COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE

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SUBJECT: U.S. BUILDING MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TRADE
MISSION, APRIL 1978: MR. WIGGINS VISA PROBLEM

REF: USDOC 06069 (NOTAL)

1. SAG FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS AGREED, IN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF MR. WIGGINS CASE, TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF AIRPORT VISA UPON ARRIVAL JIDDA APRIL 15 ON FLIGHT TU 713 FROM TUNIS VIA CAIRO. WE HAVE MOFA ENTRY PERMIT IN OUR POSSESSION. IT IS IMPORTANT RPT IMPORTANT THAT WIGGINS ARRIVE ON SCHEDULED FLIGHT. EMBOFFS WILL MEET AND ASSIST.

2. COMMERCE SHOULD NOTE THAT MOFA AUTHORIZATION OF AIRPORT VISA IS HIGHLY UNUSUAL; WE CANNOT ROUTINELY RELY UPON SUCH ASSISTANCE IN HANDLING OF TRADE MISSION VISA PROBLEMS IN FUTURE.

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3. MOFA REPS SAID THEY COULD NOT RPT NOT CABLE SAG EMBASSY IN TUNIS TO ISSUE WIGGINS A VISA, WHICH WAS OUR ORIGINAL SUGGESTION TO THEM.

4. DESPITE FACT THAT WE HAVE MOFA AIRPORT VISA AUTHORIZATION, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PURDENT FOR WIGGINS TRY OBTAIN SAUDI VISA IN TUNISIA OR MOROCCO WITH AMEMBASSY ASSISTANCE, IF POSSIBLE.

ISSUANCE OF AIRPORT VISA FOR TRADE MISSION MEMBER IS NEW
EXPERIENCE HERE AND WE CANNOT GUARANTEE PROCESS WILL BE AS
SMOOTH AS MOFA SAYS IT WILL.
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